

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division

In re:	Case No.
LeClairRyan, PLLC, ¹	19-34574-KRH
Debtor	Chapter
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**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT
OF COZEN O'CONNOR AS SPECIAL COUNSEL**

This matter came before the Court upon the Trustee's Application to Retain and Employ Cozen O'Connor as Special Counsel (the "**Application**") [ECF 1532]. The Court having reviewed (i) the Application and (ii) Verified Statement of Brian L. Shaw pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a) (the "**Shaw Statement**"), a member of the law firm of Cozen O'Connor ("**Cozen O'Connor**"), attached to the Application as Exhibit 1; and the Court being fully advised in the premises and having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and the Shaw Statement establish just cause for the relief granted herein;

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS THAT:

- A. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
- B. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

¹ The principal address of the Debtor as of the petition date was 4405 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, and the last four digits of the Debtor's federal tax identification number are 2451.

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C. Notice of the Application was sufficient under the circumstances.

D. The Application and the Shaw Statement are in full compliance with all applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules of this Court.

E. Cozen O'Connor does not represent or hold any interest adverse to the Debtor or to the Estate.

F. Cozen O'Connor is a "disinterested person," as defined in § 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

G. Cozen O'Connor does not represent or hold any interest adverse to the Debtor or to the Estate with respect to matters to which it is being employed.

H. The retention and employment of Cozen O'Connor in accordance with the Application and this Order is in the best interest of the Estate.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is hereby APPROVED as provided herein.

2. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Application.

3. Pursuant to § 327 of the Bankruptcy Code and the Application, the Trustee is authorized to retain and employ Cozen O'Connor as special counsel retroactive to July 28, 2022. Pursuant to § 327(a) and (e) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee is authorized to employ Cozen O'Connor, on an hourly basis at agreed to rates, including reimbursement of reasonable related costs and expenses, in connection with appellate matters including the Judicially Mediated Global Settlement Appeal and related matters.

4. Cozen O'Connor shall not receive any type of retainer.

5. Approval of Cozen O'Connor's fees shall be subject to further order of the Court.

6. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over the Application as well as all matters related thereto.

Entered: Sep 1 2022

/s/ Kevin R Huennekens

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

I ask for this:

Entered On Docket: Sep 2 2022

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify under Local Rule 9022-1 that the foregoing proposed Order was served on all requisite parties and has been endorsed by all necessary parties.

/s/ Paula S. Beran

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